

Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations Minutes

February 16, 2026 – 6:00P.M.
Twin Towers Building, Room 420
(456 Fulton St., Peoria, IL)

The Advisory Committee on Police Community Relations met at Twin Towers Building, Room 420, on Monday, February 16, 2026, with proper notice posted. Chair Lang called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| 1. Gretchen Amick, At-Large | 11. Amya Mitchell, Under 25 |
| 2. Stephanie Bragg, 1 st District | 12. Noah Palm, NAACP |
| 3. Al Cuizon, Under 25/Vice-Chair | 13. Kimberly Richardson, Asst. City
Manager |
| 4. Eric Echevarria, Chief of Police | 14. Marcellus Sommerville, At-Large |
| 5. Andrew Edwards, At-Large | 15. David Williams, At-Large |
| 6. Natalie Gress, At-Large | 16. Karen Wilson, 3 rd District |
| 7. Darrell Jackson, 4 th District | 17. Vacant, 5 th District |
| 8. Denise Jackson, City Council | |
| 9. Lee Lang, 2 nd District/Chair | |
| 10. Shannon Marlin, District 150 | |

ROLL CALL

Present: Edwards, Jackson (Darrell), Lang, Marlin, Richardson, and Williams.

Excused: Amick, Bragg, Echevarria, Sommerville, and Wilson.

Absent: Cuizon, Gress, Jackson (Denise), Mitchell, and Palm.

City Staff Present: Kirby, Hughes, and Sylvester.

City Guests: City Clerk Stefanie Tarr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None due to no quorum.

MEETING

Chair Lang introduced guest speaker Erika Cornejo with Peoria County Juvenile Division. She discussed an IDHS grant that they recently received. This grant was used to fund a new program that they are using to focus on juvenile felony offenders. There is currently 1 youth in the program with several others pending. The juvenile first must agree to the program and then it is court ordered. The juvenile has a case manager and therapist that works with the whole family while in this program.

Asst. City Manager Richardson discussed and passed out the 2026 commissioner handbook. This handbook gives a broad overview of the city and the various departments and commissions. It also includes specific sections for the Advisory Committee such as the ordinance and by-laws. Chair Lang also discussed how she would like to also include an article that discusses the importance of police-community relationships from the U.S. Department of Justice.

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Asst. City Manager Richardson also discussed upcoming volunteer opportunities such as Juneteenth and the police department's Walk and Talks.

GENERAL POLICE UPDATES

Lt. Sylvester briefly went over the complaint statistics which included 21 total complaints for 2026 (5 internal and 16 external). He also introduced Lt. Hughes who joined Internal Affairs in January.

PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS UPDATE

Member Marlin briefly went over Peoria Public School's District 150 discipline statistics for 2026. These statistics included 3,058 in-school suspensions and 1,694 out of school suspensions. Most of these offenses were from 9th grade (2,601).

CITIZEN OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE – none

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.